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QUEEN HELENA IS INJURED IN THE COURSE OF HER LABOR OF LOVE

During Earth Tremor at Messina Hospital Patients Are Thrown Into Panic, and Queen Is Caught in Crush as They Crowd Through Doors
---King Still Superintends Work of Rescue.

Rome, Jan. 2.—Queen Helena, who has been devoting herself to heroic and self-sacrificing work among the earthquake sufferers, has been slightly injured in the course of her labor of love. An earth tremor yesterday at Messina created a panic among the patients in one of the improvised hospitals and the queen, trying to allay the fears of the patients, who were crowding through the doors, was caught in the crush and sustained slight contusions on the chest. The duke of Aosta also has been slightly injured at Palermo, plaster from a falling wall cutting his face and one of his hands.

The king and queen are still at Messina. The king continues to organize and superintend the work of rescue and the queen is doing everything within her power in controlling and alleviating the sufferings of the survivors.

Ambassador Griscom has set forth the best way for relief from America to be sent to the devastated district. He recommends that through the co-operation of a committee of Americans at Rome, steamers be chartered at New Orleans or Marseilles to carry provisions, clothing and medical supplies of all kinds, as well as doctors and nurses, to the strait of Messina.

The hospitals and all other available space for the care of the injured in

the nearer coast cities of Italy are filled to overflowing; but now Catania, Palermo and Syracuse have room for no more. Naples is rapidly becoming overcrowded and, as a result, the sufferers are beginning to pour into Rome.

In this city private people are competing with the authorities to give the refugees hospitality and care. The king has sent a large number of the Italians to his own palaces at Caserta and Naples. The foreigners in Rome, especially the Americans, are all doing humane work.

It has been decided to cover the ruins with quicklime, and this work will be undertaken as soon as the material is available. The walls still standing in Messina and Reggio will be blown down by dynamite.

Much has been done towards systematizing the work, but even so, thousands still face death by hunger. The numbers who are going insane increase with every hour.

At Messina the weather is still cold and stormy, and many of the injured are succumbing to pneumonia. The chances of the living, still penned in the ruins, decrease with every day that passes, for the rescue workers are still not numerous enough to cope with the work in hand.

Rome, Jan. 2.—The American gunboat Scorpion will arrive at Messina,

Monday, when her commander will place his vessel at the disposal of the American embassy officials and the consular authorities for the assistance of Americans and the protection of their interests in Sicily. The Scorpion, like other foreign ships, will transport refugees from the affected districts, carrying messages and co-operating in all possible ways with the authorities in the alleviation of distress. In the meantime, the bodies of Consul Cheney and his wife are found, the Scorpion may transport them to Naples, whence they will be shipped to the United States.

Returning from a visit to the Calabria coast north of Reggio, King Victor Emmanuel sent the following telegram to Premier Giolitti:

"I have visited Cannitello, eight miles north of Reggio, which was literally razed to the ground. Villa San Giovanni also was destroyed. As at Messina the rescue work is well organized. The fires at Messina have now been reduced to small proportions. Three other British and French warships have arrived at Messina.

In compliance with the order of the king that the royal palaces at Caserta and Naples be placed at the disposal of the wounded, one hundred injured persons from Messina already are occupying a portion of the San Ferdinando palace, the royal house providing every-

thing. The duchess of Aosta has transformed into a hospital the large hall of her palace at Capo Di Monte. The Duke of Aosta has now gone to Reggio, where he is continuing his work of alleviating distress.

It is said here that a train which left Reggio early in the morning of the earthquake, carrying passengers, and of which nothing has been heard since, was overwhelmed by the tidal wave following the earthquake.

Almost all the people of Reggio and Messina, it is said, are making up their minds to abandon their beloved cities.

As an indication of the progress that is being made in bringing order out of chaos, the railway line from Reggio to Cantanzaro was again put in operation last night. There is a break on the line, however, of six hundred and fifty feet, over which passengers and freight must be transferred from one train to another. The distribution of food also is being made more regularly in the affected districts, and many of the starving people have been relieved temporarily. Many persons, living along the coasts of Calabria and Sicily, paddle out in canoes to the large steamers passing through the straits and request and receive food from them.

Pope Plus has made another gift of \$200,000 to the relief fund. The pontiff has never so much regretted the loss of the liberty he enjoyed as patriarch of Venice. Now is the time that he would like again to be free to save his pectoral cross for the benefit of suffering mankind.

AMERICANS BOOKED FOR SICILY BEFORE EARTHQUAKE

Naples, Jan. 2.—The following Americans booked passage from here for Sicily shortly before the earthquake:

Edward K. Rogers, Mrs. A. E. Bates, of Chicago; Mrs. J. A. Hunt, of New York; Wm. C. Boyd, of Short Hills, N. J.; Mrs. Susie Schriber, Savannah, Ga.; Mr. and Mrs. Bates, Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. S. A. McCannan, Dakota; Agnes Feeney, Rochester, Minnesota, who was bound for Taormina; Dr. H. P. Pin, of Indianapolis; James F. Norton, of New York, who was going to Palermo.

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PEKING IS GIVEN A SHOCK BY THE ISSUING OF A SURPRISING EDICT

Manchu Plot, to Which the Japanese Have Been Privy, is Supposed to Be Back of the Dismissal From Office of the Grand Councillor Who Befriended Foreigners During Boxer Uprising.

Peking, Jan. 2.—An edict issued today dismisses from office, Yuan Shi Kai, grand councillor and commander-in-chief of the forces. The reason given for this action is that he has rheumatism of the leg. The edict orders Yuan Shi Kai to vacate all his offices and to return to his home, adding:

"Thus our clemency toward you is manifested."

A second edict appoints Na Tung, comptroller of customs and ex-governor of Peking, grand councillor, presumably in Yuan Shi Kai's place.

The members of the diplomatic corps at Peking are well-nigh thunderstruck at the sudden dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai. The step is believed to be the outcome of a Manchu plot and there are indications that the Japanese representatives alone had any inkling of what was on foot.

DOWNFALL OF COUNCILLOR EXPECTED AT WASHINGTON

Washington, Jan. 2.—Though the news of the downfall of Yuan Shi Kai was not entirely unexpected in official circles here, it was received with regret, for the state department has been recollection of the great services rendered by Yuan Shi Kai to every Christian nation in securing communication by secret means with

the legations besieged in the compound at Peking during the famous Boxer uprising. At that time Yuan Shi Kai was Taotai of Shanghai and did not hesitate to use all of his great power to secure news from the compound which gave the first assurance to the outside world that the diplomats, their families and attaches were holding their own within the legation precincts. It was this information which Yuan Shi Kai conveyed through the American consul general at Shanghai to Mr. Hay that encouraged the European governments to join with America in the remarkable allied march to Peking that resulted in the liberation of the legation. It was Yuan who organized the modern Chinese army; dropped out the spearsmen and the bowmen and the bearers of stink pots and the makers of loud noises, and substituted well-drilled, khaki-clad soldiers, educated by European officers. During the Boxer uprising, with his trained troops, Yuan was almost the only viceroy in China able to extend protection to foreign life and property, and in his later position, with extended powers, he had planned to make the Chinese national army a force to be reckoned with by any nation.

San Francisco, Jan. 2.—Total im-

ports through the custom house at this port for the year 1905 were valued at \$46,187,738, according to incomplete figures, that amount showing a gain over the similar business of the previous year of over \$2,000,000. Exports were \$32,695,756, an increase of over \$1,000,000. Exports to the Philippine Islands for the year amounted to \$3,321,082, while imports from the group fell off to \$370,765. Total moneys collected by the custom house from all sources amounted to \$7,846,185.

MOB STORMS JAIL TO FORCE THE RELEASE OF PRISONER

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 2.—Every reserve policeman at headquarters was needed to beat back a mob of rioters that stormed the city jail yesterday following the arrest of Thomas Peterson for disorderly conduct. The mob, consisting of more than a thousand men and boys, surrounded the jail and called for the release of the prisoner. It was only by using the full reserve force at headquarters including the clerks and detective on duty, that Captain D. F. Willard, the officer in charge, could clear the steps of the police station and scattered the rioters.